



# Orton Church of England Primary School

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## School Council Request



This week our School Council met and discussed some of their ideas. One of the proposals were some school guinea pigs or rabbits!!! We have had school pets in the past but of course they are a long term commitment. We considered all the issues including the school council raising money for food, bedding and veterinary care. However before we could consider a commitment we would need to find a long term solution to their care at weekends and holidays.

The school council asked me to put feelers out in the newsletter to see if any parents / community members would be willing to care for little furs when we are not in school. If there were several volunteers there could be a rota. Please let me know if you feel you could help.

## Valentines Disco

Next Thursday is the FOOS Valentine's DJ featuring DJ Mrs Mounsey. All children welcome from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. If your child is staying after After School Club please let us know and send them with a packed tea and party clothes.

£2 per child and bring some pennies for the tuck shop.



## Cyber Crime Talk



Thank you to those of you who came to the Cyber Crime talk by Niall from Cumbria Police. I hope you found it informative and thought provoking. The information and websites Nail referred to are all on our online safety page on our school website. They can be found here;

<https://www.ortoncofeprimary.co.uk/online-safety-links/>

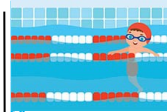
## Headlice

Unfortunately we have some children in school with headlice. Please check your child's hair carefully and if you find evidence please treat meticulously. It takes at least two weeks to break the life cycle of headlice so you will need to treat several times over at least two weeks and comb thoroughly as often as possible, ideally daily. Keeping long hair tied up helps to prevent the spread.

## Stars

Our next Stars Assembly is Friday 17th February at 2.50pm. Visitors are very welcome to join us in school for our Stars Celebration! We hope you can join us. We haven't had anyone join us on Zoom for the last couple of Stars assemblies so we aren't planning to continue with this. If you would like a zoom link please let us know and we can set one up.

## Swimathon



Our small but mighty swimathon team swam amazingly completing 108 lengths in an hour.

Well done to our swimmers we are really proud of you all. We asked everyone in our school community to collect sponsors for our swimmers. Please return any sponsor money to school ASAP but no later than next Thursday 16th February.

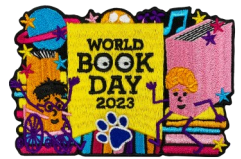
## Brass Instruments

Our Class 3 & 4 children enjoyed a brass taster session this week. We have some spaces available for children in KS2 to take up a brass instrument. Please get in touch if you are interested in your child starting lessons. We can sort the instrument. There is also a group called Melody Makers in Tebay every Tuesday—Flyer attached.



## World Book Day

World Book day is on Thursday 2nd March 2023 (first Thursday back). Our children are invited to come dressed as a favourite fictional book character. If they have one they can bring a copy of the book to share with their class.



# Diary Dates



**All diary dates are subject to last minute change. More details will follow near the time.**  
*Blue denotes new dates*

12/2/23	3.30pm Pancake Party—See flyer
13/2/23	7pm FOOS Meeting—All welcome
16/2/23	Class 1 Big Sing at Appleby
16/2/23	Charlie's Church—Class 1 in school
16/2/23	12.30-3pm Year 5/6 Dodgeball Comp KSGS
16/2/23	5.30-6.30pm FOOS Valentine Children's Disco
17/2/23	2.50pm Stars
	Break up for Half Term
27/2/23	Half Term Starts
28/2/23	Class 4 trip to London – Parliament
2/3/23	World Book Day
6/3/23	Key Steps Competition—Appleby
8/3/23	Holi Festival Celebration
10/3/23	9.15am Stars
11/3/23	Spring Farmers Market
14/3/23	Parent Meetings
16/3/23	Eden Netball final – KSGS
21/3/23	Bags2 Schools Collection – FOOS
24/3/23	2.50pm Stars
31/3/23	1.30pm End of Term Service
	End of Term
17/4/23	Start of Summer Term
26-28/4/23	Class 3 Residential – Hawes End
2/5/23	Wheelchair Basketball
8/5/23	Coronation Bank Holiday
W/c 22/5/23	Class 4 Residential York
14/6/23	KSGS Yr 6 Transition Day